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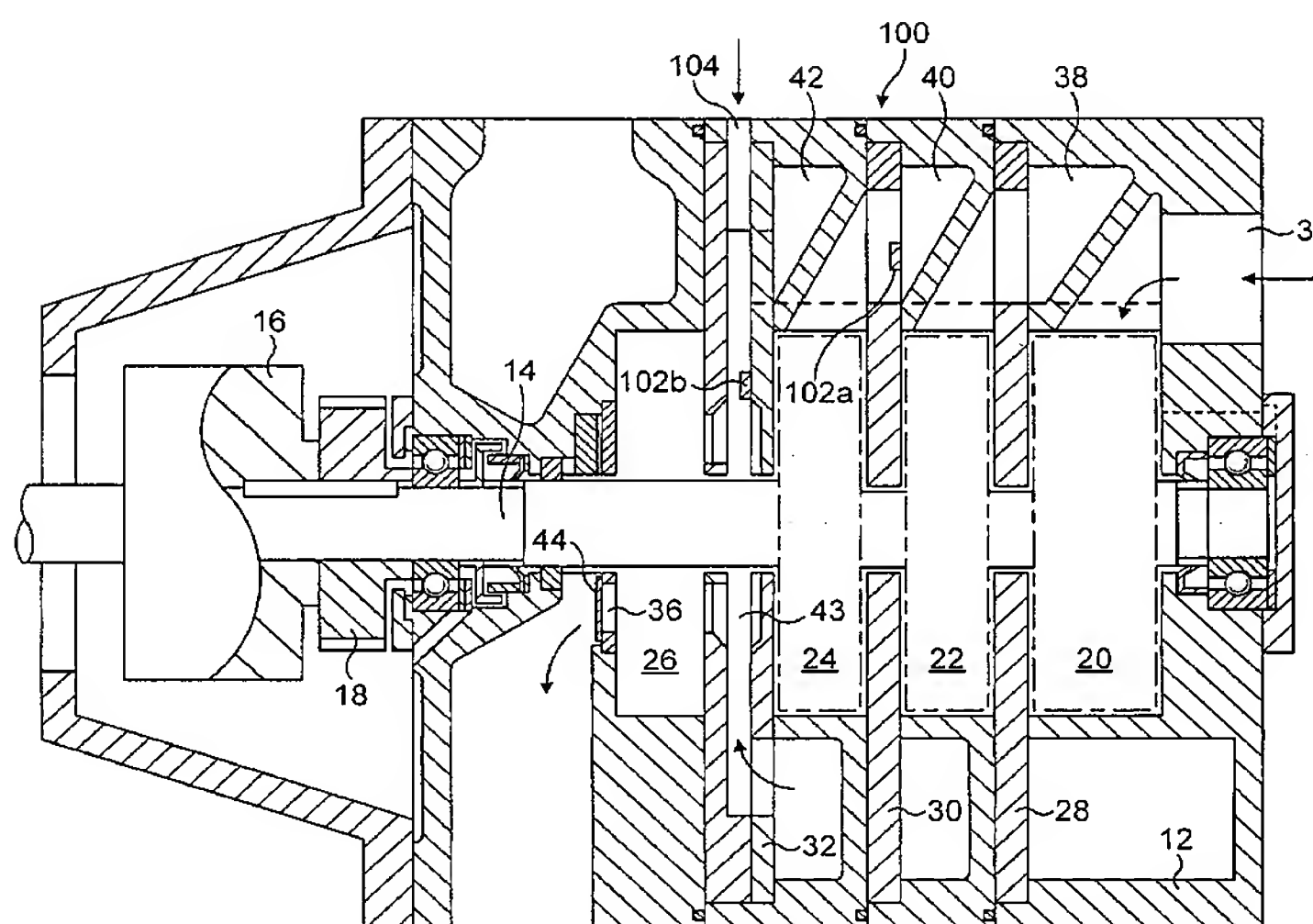
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(57) Abstract: A multi-stage vacuum pump comprises, between adjacent stages of the pump, a continuous ignition source for igniting a fuel within a pumped fluid. This can ensure that the concentration of the fuel in fluid exhaust from the pump is below its lower explosive limit.

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